

REMARKS

In the current Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 1-5, 7, 10-17, and 21, but indicates that claims 6, 8, 9, 18 to 20, and 22 would be allowable if rewritten independently to include the subject matter of the base claim and any intervening claims. In the foregoing amendment, rejected independent claims 1 and 12 have been canceled, and the broadest allowable claims 9, 19 and 22 have been rewritten as independent claims including the subject matter of claims 1 and 12, respectively. These claims should therefore now be allowable.

Claim 9 has also been amended in the last line to define the helical fin as formed on the outer surface of the converging member, rather than a conical member. Original claim 1, which is now incorporated in claim 9, defined a "converging" member, not a "conical" member, and the amended language in claim 9 therefore has proper antecedent basis in the wording incorporated from canceled claim 1. Rejected claims 2 to 5, 7, 10 and 11 have been amended to depend from allowable claim 9, as has allowable claim 6, which is amended to define the converging member as a conical member. Claims 2 to 5 are amended to change "conical" to --converging--, which has proper antecedent basis in amended claim 9. It is submitted that claims 2 to 7 and 9 to 11 should now be in order for allowance.

Rejected claims 13 to 17 are amended to depend from allowable claim 19, and claim 20 already depends from claim 19. Claims 18 and 21 have been canceled, since their subject matter is already inherent in claims 19 and 20, respectively. It is submitted that claims 13 to 17, 19, 20 and 22 should also now be in order for allowance.

It is believed that the foregoing amendment deals with all outstanding grounds of objection and rejection, and that this application should now be in condition in all respects for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. If there are any

outstanding objections which could be dealt with by means of a telephone interview, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,

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